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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the final rejection mailed January 14, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite previously amended claims 1, 4, 12 and 14 in clean format as follows.

A marked up copy of the claims as amended is being appended hereto.

1. (Twice Amended) A container closure for an open-ended container comprising:

(i) a pre-stressed flexible membrane for closing the open end of the container;

(ii) a seal disposed to lie, in use of the closure between the flexible membrane and a container;

(iii) a rigid cap having a resiliently deformable member juxtaposed to the flexible membrane in use of the closure, the resiliently deformable member in use pressing the flexible membrane against the container in the vicinity of the seal, thereby